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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Fox-Young DATE TYPED 1/26/05 HB 28

SHORT TITLE Election Information Reporting Requirements SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to elections and HB 22 and HB 23.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 28 amends Section 1-6-10.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 378, Section 1) with a provision requiring the county clerk to report to the Secretary of State the number of voters who signed the signature roster in each precinct, the number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct, and the total number of each type of paper ballot printed, cast, spoiled or destroyed by the county for the election. The bill further requires that the Secretary of State post this information on the Secretary of State's website.

Significant Issues

According to the Secretary of State:

“Reporting the number of voters who signed the signature roster and the number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct is already tabulated and reported by precinct judges, county clerks and canvassing boards and reported to the Secretary of State. Reporting the number of ballots printed, in terms of the language of this bill is unclear.”

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Clarification on whether reporting on the number of ballots printed is to be done by precinct, county, or legislative district may be required. The bill addresses provisional ballots but does not address absentee ballots.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

Existing reporting practices will continue.

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